

### FOUND DEATH IN A HAY MOW

George Clausen, a Wealthy Farmer of Millard Precinct, Commits Suicide.

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD TERRIBLY SHOCKED.

In the Dark Watches of the Night He Steals From His Wife's Bedside and Cuts His Throat.

George Clausen owned one of the prettiest farms in Douglas county. Its one hundred and sixty broad acres lay upon gently rolling land, and today the fields of wheat and corn and oats and rye that he planted lie ripening in the sun, but George Clausen will never gather the harvest.

The pretty farm, which is nine miles west of Omaha was the scene of a tragedy Monday night which thoroughly shocked the quiet neighborhood usually undisturbed by anything more sensational than a meeting of the "Harmony."

Mr. George Clausen had lived in the neighborhood, honored and respected for twenty years, and when it was told from farm to farm yesterday that he had killed himself, the information was generally received with incredulity.

But it was the truth. George Clausen lay in his bed, with a horrible gash cut in his throat and grasping a bloody razor in a hand clenched in death.

Monday night the family retired as usual at half past nine and soon all those that are now living were deep in sleep. It was sometime after that and before the new day dawned that Clausen arose and dressed. Went to the hay mow, and there lying upon the sweet new mown hay, cut his throat with a razor.

Then the family awoke yesterday, and the husband and father was missed, but it was thought at first that he had arisen earlier and was about the stables somewhere. But breakfast time came and he had not made his appearance. A search was made by the family without disclosing the missing man, and after a while a few neighbors were summoned and joined in the hunt.

Clausen's shoes were still by his bedside, together with his coat and hat, and it was evident that he had not gone far. His hair was combed and he had made his way to the kitchen floor behind the stove, with the razor missing. This excited the gravest apprehensions and the search was continued with increased vigor, and finally George Avery, a neighbor, fell over the body of the suicide, as it lay in the darkest recess of the loft.

There lay the man who had decided life not worth the living, clutching in one hand the instrument of death and in the other a bunch of hay, his features set in death and with the gaping, horrible wound a mass of clotted blood.

Insanity is given as the cause of the foolish act.

For two months Clausen's mental powers had been falling, until recently periodical insanity became very noticeable in him. He labored under the hallucination that he was being wrongfully persecuted. In all other respects he was sound and vigorous and worked every day about the farm. His family consisted of himself and wife, two young sons and an adopted daughter. His wife, his claim, and their statements are supported by their neighbors, that the members of the household were always at peace amongst themselves.

Clausen was moderator of the school committee in the district in which he lived. About a month ago he visited a neighbor, Henry Avery, and calling him to the door said, "Henry, I've done a great wrong and they won't have me on the school board any more."

"Why, what have you done, George?" the other asked.

"I don't know. But I have done a great wrong and I am no longer moderator of the board."

Avery told him he was still moderator and that he didn't believe he had done anything bad.

Clausen refused to say anything more about the matter then and went home. But from that time he grew more and more morose and despondent.

He kept away from his neighbors and was silent in his own household. Once he told his wife that he believed it would be better if he should die.

"Wait until God calls you," she said and he told her that he would do so.

Monday the annual meeting was to be held in the afternoon. Clausen supposed it was in the morning and went to the school house at that time, and of course found no one there. He considered this an act upon the part of his associates to snub him and went home very much depressed. He cultivated grain during the afternoon, but at supper he was not inclined to talk, and neither was he after that.

The family retired during the night, and some time during the hours of darkness the tragedy was enacted.

Clausen was a wealthy German farmer and was a resident of the county for twenty-three years. He owned 160 acres of unencumbered land, and with his other property interests was supposed to be worth about \$30,000.

**The Dog Catcher's Ways.**  
OMAHA, Neb., June 30.—(To the Editor of The Bee.)—The happiness and quiet of a suburban street of this city was suddenly disturbed on Monday morning by the invasion of the dog catchers.

Children ran shrieking after their pets, and frenzied mothers vainly strove to console their children and rescue their canine playfellows. The brutal brigade showed no pity, throwing the fatal noose to the right and the left, and clutching the innocent little animals with a ferocity more suggestive of demons than men.

It was a noticeable fact that they shrewdly and ruthlessly lassoed and caged the more valuable dogs, without regard to fairs or owners, while other comparatively valueless curs that had gathered to the fray, but would not be counted worth a ransom, were permitted to run unheeded.

The wailing of the heart-broken children as the yelping of their pets was borne back to them from the hopeless distance still lingers in my ears. It is to be inquired whether in the name of humanity there is not some wiser and kinder way of meeting the dog question and serving the public good.

Such a shock as was yesterday inflicted upon the tender sensibilities in the locality referred to is of itself sufficient to undermine health and reason.

That in these days of advanced civilization such a scene is possible, and worse still, sanctioned by municipal authority, suggests good reason for opposing the carrying of "Man's inhumanity to man"—and dogs, and defining for the benefit of an intelligent public where the line should be drawn.

What wonder that Charles Lamb should have said, "The more I see of men the better I like dogs."

**A New Industry.**  
An institution for the manufacture of interior finish is soon to be added to the list of Omaha enterprises. L. P. Hammond is at present organizing a stock company. There will be a sash and door department, but the specialty will be interior finish made by machinery to imitate hand carving. The company will employ sixty or 100 men at the start and 250 when in full operation. Two or three other cities have made bids for the location of the institution, but the management prefer Omaha and will locate here if the right sort of inducements are offered.

**District Court.**  
The jury in the case of Charles E. Parker charged with several petty felonies, returned a verdict of guilty.

Judge Clark and a jury have taken up the case of Charles Cummings, charged with disposing of mortgaged property. The minor matter of the state against Frank Timothy has been dismissed. Charles Mathews, the dog catcher, charged with assault with intent to kill, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

**For the Orphan's Benefit.**  
The young ladies of St. Catherine's academy will give an entertainment at Boyd's opera house this evening for the benefit of the St. Mary's orphan asylum.

### HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

A Little Fake by Which We Expect to Gain Popularity.

Prizes for puzzle solvers are popular, and as the prize should correspond in value with the difficulty of the problem offered for solution, The Bee has some rare chances for the solvers of the puzzle. The prizes are worth striving for and are open to all, mind-readers and clairvoyants not excepted.

**FIRST OFFER.**  
The Bee will give \$100.00 to the person who guesses the exact date on which actual work will be commenced on Mr. Hitchcock's new position on Planters' house square.

**SECOND OFFER.**  
A similar prize will be given to the laboring man who will admit that he voted for block 50 on Mr. Hitchcock's promise that work would be commenced a year ago last spring, providing the workman will swear that he is not kicking himself for so voting.

**THIRD OFFER.**  
A similar prize will be given to the person informing The Bee the amount of time elapsing between the arrival of the \$30,000 for Mr. Hitchcock's property in block 50 and his demand for the cash.

**FOURTH OFFER.**  
A similar prize will be given to the person who is willing to swear that the property sold by Hitchcock to the government for \$20,000. This opportunity is open to every reader of The Bee. Fill out this blank and send it to the "Guess Editor," Bee office, Omaha.

You may guess as often as you like, but must use a separate blank for each guess. Only one guess may be put on a single blank. Cut this out, fill it and mail it to the "guess editor."

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### A BOHEMIAN CELEBRATION.

In Memory of the Patriot and Martyr John Hus.

The Bohemian citizens are making great preparations to commemorate the life of one of their most illustrious men, John Hus, who was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415, at Constance on the Rhine. The day of his death has been celebrated more or less among them every year, not alone here, but in other localities.

The celebration in this city will surpass all previous efforts. All the Bohemian societies in Omaha and South Omaha have combined for the purpose. The impulse for this extraordinary effort was given last winter by Prince Schwarzenberg in the Austrian reichsrath, when he attacked the memory of John Hus in a very offensive manner, which roused all those to whom the memory of John Hus is dear and sacred.

The memorial services will consist of two parts, the afternoon and the evening program. The former is as follows:

Introduction of the Bohemian societies of Omaha and South Omaha to Hascall's grounds on Vinton street.

Introductory address in Bohemian by John Rosicky.

Memorial hymn by the Bohemian singing club.

Memorial oration in English by Tom Capek.

Bohemian national hymn by the singing club.

The evening programme is as follows:

Introductory poem by Mrs. Jerome Kachek.

Orator by Hon. C. Davis, (ex-senator) of Crete, Neb.

Memorial hymn by the singing club.

Song by the children of the Bohemian school.

Song by Mrs. J. Houska.

Recitation by F. W. Handhauser.

Diast by Miss Carrie Voldicka and A. Steiger.

Russian song by the singing club.

Song by J. K. Schmeisser, of Wilber.

Recitation by John Rosicky.

Song by Miss Kaufman.

Song by A. Vospesky.

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Tableau—Burning of John Hus at the stake.

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**SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.**  
**Proceedings of the City Council.**  
The mayor and all councilmen were present at the council meeting Monday night.

A horse was hired at \$1.50 per day for the fire department.

The report of the special committee allowing C. H. Prichett \$15 of his \$731 claim was adopted.

Ordinance No. 230, Granting the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad a right-of-way through the city was read and referred.

The bonds of city clerk John J. Ryan and policeman Hansen, were approved.

The adverse report, on John F. Ritchhart's claim, was adopted.

The petitions of C. P. O'Harr and Patrick Roarson to be appointed on the police force were referred to the mayor.

Ordinance No. 229, relating to the inspection of stock, was passed. Stock Inspector Howard reported twenty-three diseased cattle had been killed during June.

City Treasurer Thomas Hector stated that the books, as turned over to him by the city treasurer, did not balance. The treasurer was instructed to charge Thomas Geary with \$1,640.92 and accredit that sum to the sewer fund.

The city attorney will draft an ordinance defining the fire limits.

William M. McDonald's communication regarding nuisances was referred to the marshal.

City Attorney Edgerton reported adversely on the claim of Landon Clark for damages caused by grading N street. The report was adopted.

Marshal Maloney reported 136 arrests during the month of June.

A duplicate warrant for \$8 in favor of the Carter manufacturing company was ordered. The engineer was directed to establish the grade of N street east to the B. & M. tracks.

The committee will report Wednesday evening on the petition to pave Twenty-fifth from N to O streets.

The Rev. Robert L. Wheeler presented a petition, not addressed to any person, the purpose of which was to have the saloons closed on Sunday. On having the paper returned, and while it was being addressed to the mayor and council, the council adjourned.

**Notes About the City.**  
Mrs. D. L. Richardson is visiting Mrs. S. Richardson, Council Bluffs.

W. R. MacBeth has gone to Crete.

Charles Kubacher and Miss Augusta Hansen and William A. Lofler and Annie Uphal, all of this city, have been licensed to wed.

J. B. McFarland, representing the Union stockyards company, has returned from the Lincoln section.

O. D. Bratton, of the Union Stock Yard bank, has been appointed notary public.

Bee Hive lodge, No. 184, A. F. & A. M. will meet Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Robert L. Wheeler will go to Rushville, S. D., to deliver the oration July 4.

James Murphy offers to bet \$10 on his high-kicking against any man in the city.

T. B. Scott, with his sick son, Freddie, has returned from Murray, Ia.

Mrs. William E. Matley is visiting friends in Stanwood, Ia.

Frank Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Richardson, who has been attending school in Lincoln, Neb., has returned home.

Work has been commenced on grading at Albrecht for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gilson is quite sick.

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